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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/036,675	Applicant(s) ERYILMAZ ET AL.	
	Examiner Albert W. Paladini	Art Unit 2125	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,33,34 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-32,35-39 and 41-67 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. As a result of the amendment filed on 10/5/05, the rejection in the action dated 7/5/05 is hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 33, 34, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirsch (6282547).

Hirsch discloses a computer apparatus for generating a visual information system. From (C17, L37) to (C18, L14) Hirsch discloses a system and method of providing a graphical block to a graphical block diagram model that defines a lookup table, and having inputs for receiving input data. The input data is obtained in the form of a query (step 648). In (C5, L33-47), Hirsch discloses how a query editor is provided for defining SQL queries by constructing a graphical block diagram. This is used to generate the VcStmtCreatesShape byte shown in step 676 of figure 11. As disclosed in (C16, L39-53), the VcStmtCreatesShape byte defines a hash lookup table. This is depicted in step 678 of the flowchart of figure 11.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-32, 35-39, and 41-67 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: None of the references cited or the art searched disclose or teach alone or in combination, the limitations about the ports, other graphical blocks, plant inputs, simulation, instantiating, the dialog box, breakpoint, statistical estimation algorithm, structure such as table cell, interpolation, and the other specific detailed limitations to the base claims.

Additional Prior Art

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Singh (6868526) discloses methods and apparatus including computer program products to generate graphic block diagram modeling, where a user repeating sequence icon makes subsystem blocks or a look up table available to the user.

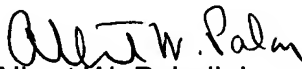
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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be direct to Albert W. Paladini whose telephone number is (571) 272-3748. The examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 to 3:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Leo P. Picard, can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

January 17, 2006


Albert W. Paladini
Primary Examiner
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